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Why Immersive Learning Technologies?

 Provide engaging opportunities for authentic practice with measurable results

- Provide opportunities for educators and learners to better identify performance gaps
- Provide instant feedback that help learners self regulate and maximize their training effectiveness



Immersive Learning Technologies Team

- Games
 - James Xu
- Virtual Worlds
 - Keysha Gamor
- Mobile
 - Judy Brown
- Web 2.0
 - Mark Friedman





... and It's Not Just Games

 "The smartest programmers don't work for Uncle [Sam] anymore – they develop video games." – Tom Clancy, Teeth of the Tiger pg. 105





Technical Issues

- Accessibility
 - IA Issues
 - Access to Enabling Technology
- Assessment
 - Tracking Behavior is More Complicated
 - SCORM Not Truly Designed for Immersive Environments
- Interoperability
 - Technologies Do Not Interoperate With Each Other
 - Technologies Do Not Integrate with Current LMSs





Current ILT Initiatives

- Virtual World Standards Working Group Meetings
 - A working group comprised of experts in virtual worlds explore coming standards and the potential role of ADL
- Immersive Learning Pod-Cast Series
 - A coming series of pod casts where members of the ILT Team sit down with leaders in the ILT space





Current ILT Virtual World Initiatives

- Virtual World Test Bed
 - The test bed will be comprised of over a dozen functioning virtual worlds allowing us to test and compare affordances
- Team Orlando SecondLife Island
 - Part of Linden Labs MiLands Initiative, the ADL will be developing demonstrations and tests of ADL technologies





Current ILT Game Initiatives

Games Test Bed

- The test bed contains many of the games and supporting technologies used by the DoD today
- Mini-GameDevelopment
 - A group of small games being developed with DAU covering many topics in their current curriculum



Defense

User's Conference

WHEN?

29-31 March 2010

WHERE?

Hilton Orlando 6001 Destination Parkway Orlando, Florida



www.teamorlando.org/gametech

Innovation in Gaming

Competition for the most innovative use of gaming technology by DoD users

Applications Available Soon on GameTech and ADL websites

Award Presented at GameTech 2010





Virtual World Challenge



- The invitation is out to the world: Show us how you would improve the Government's training and analysis capabilities in virtual worlds and in return gain recognition and awards.
- Government agencies are encouraged to become involved as evaluators.
- More information is available at www.fvwc.army.mil or by emailing fvwc.sttc@us.army.mil

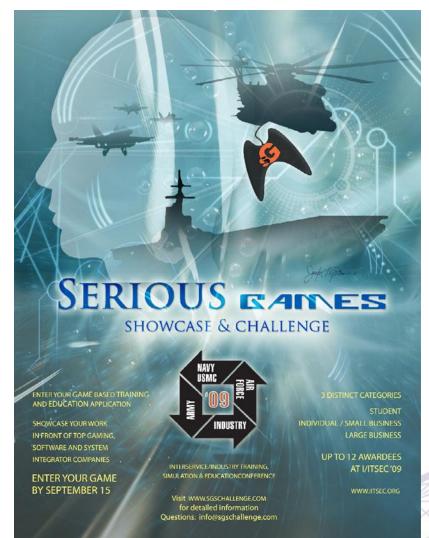


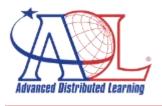
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- Serious GamesShowcase & Challenge
- 4th Annual Event
 Currently Accepting
 Games
- Selected Games
 Displayed on I/ITSEC
 2009 Floor
- For more Info: www.sgschallenge.com





Today's Focus

Immersive Learning in ADL

- Immersive Environments in ADL
 - Games, Virtual Worlds
- Social Learning in ADL
 - Social Networking, Web 2.0, Twitter

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Questions or Comments?

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